

Senate Joint Resolution 13 - Introduced

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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the right of all youths of
3 this state to a comprehensive public education.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended
4 by adding the following new section:

5 Sec. 24A. **Right to a public education.** The state shall
6 provide all youths of this state with a comprehensive education
7 that meets or exceeds national standards through a system
8 of public schools and competent educators. Such education
9 shall include instruction in reading, literature, mathematics,
10 science, technology, history, social science, public affairs,
11 the arts, human growth and development, and such other subjects
12 as may be determined directly by the general assembly or
13 indirectly by a competent state agency of education pursuant to
14 the general assembly's delegation of authority.

15 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
16 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
17 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
18 election for members of the general assembly, and shall be
19 published as provided by law for three consecutive months
20 previous to the date of that election.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
25 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the right of all
26 youths of this state to a comprehensive public education.

27 The joint resolution requires the state to provide all
28 youths of this state with a comprehensive education that
29 meets or exceeds national standards through a system of
30 public schools and competent educators. The joint resolution
31 establishes the subjects that are to be included in the
32 comprehensive education that is provided.

33 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then
34 referred to the next general assembly (91st) for adoption,
35 before being submitted to the electorate for ratification.